

REMARKS

The amendments were made to the claims to remove all multiple dependencies and to conform the claims to United States Patent practice. Prompt examination of the application is requested.

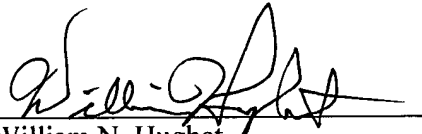
In the event that there are any questions relating to this Preliminary Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (202) 778-6150 so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2518.

Respectfully submitted,
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